

1. Use the differential area  $d\mathbf{S}$  to calculate the area of the surface defined by  $\rho = 5$ ,  $\pi/2 < \phi < \pi$ , and  $-2 < z < 2$ . [5]

**Solution.**  $d\rho = 0$ ,  $d\mathbf{S} = \rho d\phi dz \mathbf{a}_\rho$ ;

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \int_{-2}^2 \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} \rho d\phi dz \\ &= 5(2+2) \left( \pi - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \\ &= 5(4) \frac{\pi}{2} \\ &= 10\pi \end{aligned}$$

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2. Convert the vector  $\mathbf{P} = y^2 \mathbf{p}_x + (x+1) \mathbf{p}_y + yz \mathbf{p}_z$  into cylindrical coordinates. [5]

**Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} p_\rho \\ p_\phi \\ p_z \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi & 0 \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi & 0 \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y^2 \\ x+1 \\ yz \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

But  $x = \rho \cos \phi$ ,  $y = \rho \sin \phi$  and  $z = z$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_\rho \\ p_\phi \\ p_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \phi & \sin \phi & 0 \\ -\sin \phi & \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_x \\ p_y \\ p_z \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \rho^2 \sin^2 \phi \\ \rho \cos \phi + 1 \\ \rho z \sin \phi \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{P} = (\rho^2 \sin^2 \phi \cos \phi + \sin \phi (\rho \cos \phi + 1)) \mathbf{p}_\rho + (-\rho^2 \sin^3 \phi + \cos \phi (\rho \cos \phi + 1)) \mathbf{p}_\phi + \rho z \sin \phi \mathbf{p}_z$$

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3. Given two points, namely  $A(2, 60^\circ, 2)$  and  $B(2\sqrt{3}, 30^\circ, 3)$ , find the corresponding position vectors  $\mathbf{A}$  and respectively  $\mathbf{B}$ . Then find the unit vector in the direction from  $\mathbf{A}$  to  $\mathbf{B}$ .

**Solution.**  $x = \rho \cos \phi$ ,  $y = \rho \sin \phi$  and  $z = z$ ;  $\mathbf{A}(2 \cos 60^\circ, 2 \sin 60^\circ, 2) \rightarrow \mathbf{A}(1, \sqrt{3}, 2)$

$$\mathbf{B}(2\sqrt{3} \cos 30^\circ, 2\sqrt{3} \sin 30^\circ, 3) \rightarrow \mathbf{B}(3, \sqrt{3}, 3)$$

$$\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A} = (3, \sqrt{3}, 3) - (1, \sqrt{3}, 2) = (2, 0, 1)$$

$$|\mathbf{B} - \mathbf{A}| = \sqrt{4 + 1} = \sqrt{5}$$

$$\mathbf{a} = \frac{(2, 0, 1)}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\mathbf{a}_x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\mathbf{a}_z$$

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4. Find  $\nabla^2 \mathbf{B}$  when  $\mathbf{B} = r^2 \mathbf{b}_r + \sin \theta \mathbf{b}_\theta + \cos^2 \theta \mathbf{b}_\phi$ .

**Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} &= \frac{1}{r^2} (4r^3) + \frac{1}{\sin \theta} (2 \sin \theta \cos \theta) \\ &= 4r + \frac{2}{r} \cos \theta\end{aligned}$$

$$\nabla(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B}) = \left(4 - \frac{2}{r^2} \cos \theta\right) \mathbf{a}_r - \frac{2}{r^2} \sin \theta \mathbf{a}_\theta$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\cos^2 \theta \sin \theta) \mathbf{a}_r + \frac{1}{r} [-\cos^2 \theta] \mathbf{a}_\theta + \frac{1}{r} (\sin \theta) \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\cos^2 \theta \sin \theta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\sin \theta - \sin^3 \theta) = \cos \theta - 3 \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta;$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\cot \theta - 3 \sin \theta \cos \theta) \mathbf{a}_r - \frac{1}{r} \cos^2 \theta \mathbf{a}_\theta + \frac{1}{r} \sin \theta \mathbf{a}_\phi$$

But  $3 \sin \theta \cos \theta = \frac{3}{2} \sin 2\theta$ , therefore  $\frac{3}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sin 2\theta = 3 \cos 2\theta$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla \times (\nabla \times \mathbf{B}) &= \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \left[ \frac{1}{r} (2 \sin \theta \cos \theta) \right] \mathbf{a}_r + \frac{1}{r} \left[ \frac{1}{r} (\csc^2 \theta + 3 \cos 2\theta) \right] \mathbf{a}_\phi \\ &= \frac{2}{r^2} \cos \theta \mathbf{a}_r + \frac{1}{r^2} (\csc^2 \theta + 3 \cos 2\theta) \mathbf{a}_\phi\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{B} = \left(4 - \frac{4}{r^2} \cos \theta\right) \mathbf{a}_r - \frac{2}{r^2} \sin \theta \mathbf{a}_\theta - \frac{1}{r^2} (\csc^2 \theta + 3 \cos 2\theta) \mathbf{a}_\phi.$$

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